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Overpass work to detour AA Highway traffic at Maysville Thursday *Delays expected, motorists should consider alternate routes*

FLEMINGSBURG, Ky. – Critical work on a \$21.5 million Kentucky Transportation Cabinet project to improve US 68 will require contractors to detour all AA Highway (KY 9) traffic this Thursday, April 19, at Maysville.

Travelers who plan to use the AA Highway should expect significant delays, and should consider alternate routes or changing travel plans.

On Thursday, Haydon Bridge Company will install 130-foot long, 64-ton concrete bridge beams across the AA Highway for an overpass linking the Clyde T. Barbour Parkway with a new section of US 68 being built cross country. To ensure motorists' safety, the AA Highway must be closed while cranes lift the beams into place over the roadway.

The closure will begin at 9 a.m., and is expected to continue until early evening. During the closure, all AA Highway traffic will be detoured along the Clyde T. Barbour Parkway (US 62) and Germantown Road (KY 3056):

- Northbound AA Highway traffic (toward Cincinnati) will be reduced to one lane near milepoint 10 and exit onto US 62, then travel east on the Parkway about three miles before turning left onto KY 3056. Traffic will continue along KY 3056 approximately six miles before re-entering the AA Highway near milepoint 14 at Fernleaf.
- Southbound AA Highway traffic (from Cincinnati) will turn left near milepoint 14 at Fernleaf onto KY 3056. Traffic will continue along KY 3056 approximately six miles before using US 62 to return to the AA Highway.

Southbound traffic on the AA Highway will be able to access Slack Pike, Downing Drive and other routes, but will not be able to pass through the construction site. Northbound AA Highway traffic must use the detour for local route access.

Message boards and detour signs will be placed in advance of traffic changes on the AA

Highway and along the detour route itself. In addition, contractors and local law enforcement will provide traffic control. However, motorists should expect heavy traffic and the possibility of lengthy delays, and should consider alternate travel plans.

“We appreciate the public’s patience in what is a one-time traffic change crucial to completing a critical component of this important highway improvement project,” said Randy Stull, P.E., Kentucky Department of Highways District 9 construction branch manager.

The new AA Highway overpass, along with exit ramps also under construction now, will create an interchange with the new section of US 68 once the project is complete.

When finished, the overall project will provide nearly four miles of limited-access highway, connecting US 68 directly with the Ohio River crossing at the William Harsha Bridge. The new route will increase highway system capacity and safety in the Maysville area by rerouting through traffic away from already-congested intersections along the existing US 68 highway corridor.

During construction, road work is subject to change depending on weather conditions. Motorists are asked to heed all warning signs, “Drive Smart” in work zones and remain aware of workers and construction equipment when traveling.

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